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Cabot Oil & Gas, the gas drilling company accused of fouling water wells in the Susquehanna County town of Dimock, fired back at the Environmental Protection Agency Tuesday afternoon.

The EPA recently announced it is conducting its own testing of water wells in Dimock, despite state environmental regulators' claim the water is safe to drink.

The EPA also announced it will be supplying emergency water to four homes that had test results the agency deemed to be of concern.

Tuesday afternoon, Cabot claimed at least two of those results came not from Dimock, but from the Montrose public water supply.

That's the water the EPA is now trucking to Dimock.

According to Cabot, the Montrose public water tests higher for arsenic and sodium than the water in Dimock.

The EPA had no comment on those claims when contacted late Tuesday afternoon; a spokesperson said a comment would be forthcoming later.

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection held Cabot responsible for methane migrating into 18 wells in Dimock, but the DEP steadfastly denied any drilling chemicals entered the aquifer. Subsequent independent testing by Duke University confirmed those findings. Some residents, however, believe otherwise and have petitioned the EPA to intervene.